

NORTHCRAFT
has the most complete line of Wrights extracts in the city, comprising in part the following:
MARY STUART, HELIOTROPE,
WHITE LILAC, WHITE ROSE,
LILY OF THE VALLEY, TUBE ROSE,
NEW MORN HAY, JOCKEY CLUB,
WOOD VIOLET, STEPHANOTIS,
&c., &c., &c.

GENTS FURNISHING GOODS.
I have now added a full line of Gents Furnishing Goods to my immense stock of Boots and Shoes. I am prepared to give the best bargains in Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Gents Furnishing Goods and Gloves. Also a full line of Pants and Overalls, Ulsters and general Work-ing Suits—CHEAP.
T. C. MCINERNEY.

A Clothing Drive
In what Simon Rothschild has opened for the public of Abilene and Dickinson county. He handles nothing but clothing and gents' furnishing goods and offers bargains in this line. "Catch on," and flow with the tide to the Palace Clothing Store.

Notice—Everybody Read.
Isaac Shockey and Daniel Snider, of Abilene, have connected themselves as partners in the hardware and implement business on the corner of Fourth and Broadway. Mr. Shockey is thankful for the past patronage he has received, and would be thankful for the continuance of the same.

HOUSE PAINTING.
Having formed a co-partnership we are now prepared to take contracts for house painting, hard wood finishing, carriage painting, &c. Shop—over City Blacksmith shop immediately west of Bonebrake's establishment.
LANCASTER & McDOWELL.

The Dangerous Season
for fires is come again, and it will be a part of wisdom to protect yourself with a little good insurance against the destructive element. We are ready to supply you.
T. C. HENRY & Co.

NOTICE.
Parties indebted to the undersigned will please come and settle without further notice or delay. If you have not the money, give me your note on my accounts must be squared up.
10-17
M. NICOLAY.

INTERESTING TO FARMERS.
A car load of Labelle Wagons has just been received by the Berry Bros. Mercantile Company. The farmers should bear this fact in mind and go to Berry Bros. for their wagons.

Study Up Your Titles
to your lands during the leisure hours of winter. A little precaution now may save much trouble in future. If you have no abstract of title from the records you should lose no time in obtaining one. We should be pleased to supply you.
T. C. HENRY & Co.

LAMPS! LAMPS!!
The largest stock and finest selection at J. G. Northcraft's ever brought to Abilene. Including Glass, Bronze and Library Lamps of every description. Call and examine.

For the Best Beef Steaks,
Roasts, Mutton, Pork, &c., call at Wahl Bros.' Broadway Meat Market, where you can get them. Wahl Bros. also pay the highest market price for Hides.

HARD AND SOFT COAL BURNERS.
In numerous styles and at low prices, at Berry Bros. Mercantile Company, south side.

HURRY UP
If you wish to improve the present favorable opportunity to sell your farm, and leave its description with us.
T. C. HENRY & Co.

GENUINE MEERSCHAUM
Pipes, Cigar and Cigarette Holders in many various designs at B. H. D'Hay's.
When you want a Corn Sheller go to Berry Bros., who have just received a car load of all sizes.

A Few Cents.
Only a few cents above cost for Boots and Shoes at Kenyon's.
T. S. BARTON.

CORN SHELLERS!
A carload of Corn Shellers, of all sizes, just received by Berry Bros. Mercantile Company.

LAMPS! LAMPS!! LAMPS!!!
The finest assortment in the country at Northcraft's. 8-17

The Labelle Wagon is the best farm wagon that is made for the price, a carload of them has just been received at Berry Bros.

The Pennsylvania House is for sale or trade in stock. Enquire at Frank Nelson's grocery.—8-17

COOKING STOVES.
In great variety and at different prices at Berry Bros., south side.

500 FARMS
Wanted on our Sale List for the winter trade.
F. B. WILSON & SON.

The popular Palace Clothing Store of Simon Rothschild is the place to go for good and cheap clothing. If you are in need of gents' furnishing goods, boots and shoes, notions, &c., you will save money by giving Simon a call.

THE WINDS ARE COLD.
Mother dear, but this magnificent Stove from Berry Bros. is indeed a comfort and a joy.

Whip Brushes.
Clothes Brushes and Feather Dusters at Northcraft's. 8-17

Visiting cards for ladies and gentlemen a specialty at the REFLECTOR office. Call and see samples.

Caution.
In these days of sharp competition and progress, it is well to be cautious about purchasing any article of merchandise, on the spur of the moment, or upon the recommendation of others, who are not thoroughly posted. Especially is it so in regard to purchasing a Sewing Machine. Friends and neighbors, all think there is the best, and do not hesitate to say so, when the fact may be, they have never seen the "Gibbs." Before buying a Sewing Machine, we advise every one to examine the New Home Sewing Machine, and we assure you they will find it the best. It is well known and is being sold at a low price. If the present evidence of popularity continues, this new model Machine will have the greatest sale of any ever placed on the market.

Extra copies of the REFLECTOR can be found at Sewell's Book Store, at the Opera House Book Store and at this office.

Purely Personal.
Miss Della Lowe, of Ridge is visiting Abilene friends.
Mrs. W. T. Davidson returned from Kansas City on Thursday.
Mr. Otis Thisher returned home last Friday from his visit to Chicago.

Allie Como returned to her studies at St. Mary's Academy, Leavenworth, last Sunday.
Mrs. Seeds, mother of W. P. Seeds, Esq., was visiting in this city the latter part of last week.

Father J. F. Leary, of Solomon City, returned home last Friday from a visit to Leavenworth and St. Louis.

Mr. Clark Malan came up on Thursday morning from the University to spend Sunday with his parents.

Judge M. B. Nicholson was in the city last Tuesday and Wednesday, giving a special hearing in a case entitled Welsh vs. Coleman.

J. W. D. Pierce left last week for Pennsylvania and Virginia, for a business and social visit. Virginia is Mr. Pierce's native state.

Mr. Otis Thisher returned from Illinois last week with two car loads of Norman stallions, and has placed them on his fine stock farm near Chapman.

Mr. David Smith, Jr., of Pennsylvania, is looking around Abilene and Dickinson county with a view of locating here. Mr. Smith is well pleased with Abilene, than which there is no better town in Kansas.

Mr. E. S. Fry, of Hope, and Mr. W. S. Henry, of Cheever, were REFLECTOR callers last Tuesday. And thus did the extreme north and south ends of the county meet at Abilene in a very appropriate place.

County Superintendent, D. D. Hornaday, was in the city on Tuesday visiting our schools. Mr. Hornaday has made a good general impression and is always energetically engaged in looking after the welfare of the schools.—Enterprise Register.

Mr. H. C. Wann left last week to take a position as traveling salesman for the Drug House of Park Davis Co., Detroit, Mich. His territory will be Kansas and Colorado on the Santa Fe road, with headquarters in Abilene, where his family will remain.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ford expect to leave this week for a visit to old home friends and relatives. Mrs. Ford's health is very poor and it is hoped that the change will benefit her. Mr. Ford will close his school in Newbern township for a week or two.

Mr. A. C. Grimes, of Hope, with some gentlemen, brought a number of fine hogs to town last Thursday and sold them to Mr. Chas. Cooper. Mr. Grimes in his visit to the REFLECTOR sanctum informed us that five of his hogs, only six months old, averaged 250 pounds.

Rev. R. G. McCarthy, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, gave the REFLECTOR a social and very pleasant call last Monday morning. Mr. McCarthy has only recently come among us, but we trust that he will so please and be pleased as to remain permanently at Abilene. The REFLECTOR takes pleasure in extending the freedom of its sanctum to the reverend gentleman.

James H. Austin, ex-Judge of the Judicial district, has moved his law library to Kansas City, and will open a permanent office in that city. The Junction Union says: Judge Austin settled in Junction City in 1891, and soon attained an enviable practice and position at the bar. In 1874 Governor Osborn appointed him Judge of the District Court for the English District, continuing to serve for election for ten years. His entire career was characterized by a most scrupulous integrity, while in private and social affairs an equally scrupulous propriety governed him. Our people universally wish comfort and success may attend the Judge and his accomplished wife.

"Only a Farmer's Daughter."
Maid of Athens, ere we part,
Lend me a dollar and give me a start.
"Only a Farmer's Daughter."—23-24

Call at Bonebrake's and see the Cash Rail Road.
Gay Templeton with 26 ladies and 8 gentlemen, February 21st, at Bonebrake's Opera House. 25-26

Orders for job work executed on short notice at the REFLECTOR office, and at "live and let live" prices. Give us an order.

Col. L. Swigart, of Newbern, has completed his large barn and housed his stock in it. The Col. is "comfortably fixed," as the saying is.

A St. Louis girl says, Chicago girls have to turn their toes in when sitting (or a photograph, in order that they may appear in the picture.

Rev. McCarthy will preach on "Night and its Lessons," next Sunday evening at the Presbyterian Church. Services also in the morning at 10 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Now that the saloons are closed perhaps the following is appropriate:
"Tell me, is there harm in God?" quoth the raven.
"Never more."
"But there's a whisky in the bottle, on the shelf, behind the door."

The Henry House is becoming more and more a first-class hotel in its furnishing and management. As soon as the new part is finished, the present sample room will be fitted up as a fine billiard room for the use of the guests.

The price paid by Messrs. Pierce & Martin for Durham Park was \$116,000, instead of \$10,000 as the figures last week very erroneously stated. This is probably the largest price ever paid in this county for a single piece of land.

At the annual meeting of the Kansas Millers Association, which was held at Topeka last week, Hon. C. B. Hoffman, of Enterprise, was re-elected President, and Mr. W. H. Childs, of Abilene, was elected director and a member of the executive committee.
Mr. J. D. Clark, one of the gentlemanly depot officials, broke his left leg at the ankle, last Thursday, by not being able to get out of the way of a falling barrel of vinegar, which he was unloading from a wagon. The REFLECTOR is glad to learn that he is doing nicely.

These magnificent days, full of sunshine and a delightful air, are becoming so common as to demand no particular notice. But the trotters, roadsters and fine equipages were all out last Sunday, and the people could not help taking a healthy, hopeful view of life.

PARAGRAPH COLUMN.

The REFLECTOR is under obligations to E. Barber, Esq., for a copy of the Dodge City Democrat, another democratic paper in Kansas. It is published in the home of the cow boys and has a dash of western flavor about it which is very invigorating and refreshing.

Messrs. Hunton & Sotham last week brought into this county 52 head of thoroughbred Hereford bulls, besides a lot of cows and heifers of the same strain. These fine cattle will be distributed throughout the county, and Dickinson stock will steadily improve over its present good standard.

The jury in the great Nutt murder trial brought in a verdict on Tuesday of "not guilty on account of temporary insanity." The verdict is a just one, as it will be remembered that Dukes, the murdered man, first outraged young Nutt's sister and then killed his father. The trial was held at Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. W. G. Jones has bought a half interest in the Woodbine flouring mills which has lately been improved by fitting new machinery and a stationary engine thus enabling them to run either by steam or water power, and last week left this city to occupy his new post. The firm will now be known as Gillett & Jones, and the REFLECTOR wishes it success.

In the Second Kansas Congressional District, Tuesday, Hon. S. A. Riggs, of Fort Scott, was nominated for Congress by the opposition. Mr. Riggs was educated at Ohio and Pennsylvania colleges, and moved to this State in 1859. He has been sent to the higher and lower branches of the State Legislature, and his public record is one to be proud of. As a member of the Senate he won his spurs by his opposition to the railroads. He will be elected.

Mr. David Mattison sold last week to Abilene parties 10-200 acres of Ottawa county land, belonging to the Kansas Pacific road and National Land Company. The land is supposed to be excellent for agricultural purposes, and our Abilene friends cannot help realizing a handsome profit from their investment. Mr. Mattison says that his companies have raised the price on the remaining acres of their land in Ottawa county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Gordon celebrated the 14th anniversary of their married life, last Saturday evening, by opening their elegant and pleasant home on Cedar street to their friends. There was almost an unanimous response to the invitations sent out, and the occasion was one of great social enjoyment. A splendid supper was one of the marked and successful features of the evening. Altogether, the 14th anniversary was celebrated in a manner becoming its importance and the social prominence of the host and hostess.

Dickinson County.
Dickinson's county share of the State tax is something over \$15,000, and the first of the month Treasurer Kirby paid to the State about \$8,000 of that amount and \$2,000 of school land money. About the middle of next month the money to redeem the \$22,000 worth of bonds which fall due the first of March will be sent to New York. To take up the bonds and pay the interest will require about \$24,000. After this payment, Dickinson county will have a debt of only \$14,000 hanging over it. The sum is in bonds which become due in 1894. It will thus be seen that Dickinson county is in an exceptionally good condition, and supposing the assessed value of property to be the same this year as last, yet the tax would be lower. But the rate should be an increased valuation property, and with a greater part of the debt removed, our taxpayers are justified in looking for a much lower rate of taxation.

Sociable and Supper.
"I'm quite ashamed—'tis mighty rude To eat so much—but all's so good! I have a thousand thanks to give; My lord alone knows how to live."—Pope.
On Tuesday evening the palatial residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rice was ablaze with the happy merriment of Abilene's social, intelligent and free-hearted people, invited there to a social and supper prepared by a number of ladies for the benefit of the new Baptist church. So well was every thing planned and carried out by the ladies that the rooms were filled with the hum of a good time, in conversing and listening to the sweet strains of music as it floated through the rooms. The tables groaned under the weight of meats, choice cakes, ice cream, &c., and from all appearances the poet truthfully pictured this gathering in the following lines:
"Cherful looks makes every dish a feast, And 'tis that crowns a welcome."
The ladies are pleased to return thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Rice for so kindly throwing open their house to them and for the liberal patronage given. Net proceeds of the evening \$40.00.

Hi Henry's Minstrels.
We do not know with what favor minstrel performances are received among the "effete monarchies" of Europe, never yet having had the opportunity of seeing any of a show on the other side of the water. But we know that in this benighted country, from the hour the bill poster puts in his appearance until the moment the curtain falls on the darkey's last grimace, there is nothing so attractive as the antics and state jokes of the burnt cork artist. And perhaps it would be useless to inquire into causes which produce such well-known effects. The minstrel show draws, and Hi Henry's company was no exception to the rule. The music was good and the singing above the average, especially that of the Muldoon Quartette. President Arthur's trip to the Yellowstone and the burlesque lectures were specially worthy of mention, and some of the jokes were actually new. Taken as a whole, there was as little to weary and more to please than in any minstrel performance ever shown in Abilene; and if we must have minstrel shows, by all means let them be of the excellent character of Hi Henry's, which appeared at Bonebrake's Opera House, Wednesday evening, Jan. 16th.

Call For County Mass Temperance Convention.
Papers, headed as follows, are being circulated throughout the county: "We the undersigned, citizens of Dickinson county and State of Kansas, seeing the necessity for a more united and systematic effort to enforce the Liquor Law in our County and State, and to pro-

note the cause of temperance, hereby call upon the citizens of the County in favor of the honest enforcement of the Prohibitory Liquor Law and the promotion of the temperance cause, to assemble at Abilene, on Saturday the 16th day of February, 1884, for the purpose of organizing a county union, auxiliary to the Kansas State Temperance Union, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Convention."

A circular accompanies the paper, the first paragraph of which reads: "If prohibition is to prohibit in this County, some organized effort is necessary. All around us the friends of law and order are succeeding in closing the saloons. It can be done in this County if the people generally will help. Will you please give your aid to this good work?"

The REFLECTOR is in hearty sympathy with any movement calculated to advance the cause of temperance, but it is convinced that prohibition is too far ahead of the time. The liquor question must be handled as severely as the temper of the people will allow; it cannot be forced, as three years of trial have proven. But prohibition would come nearer of enforcement if our prohibitionists would take some of the time spent in organizing Unions for practical, personal work. Make it a point to visit the saloons, get the names of drinkers and then file complaint with the County Attorney. Such a manner of handling the question would be practical, and if kept up it would not be great while before every saloon in the State would be closed. However, the REFLECTOR wishes the Convention much success in its effort to organize a County Union. Such an organization might exert some degree of moral influence.

Leap Year Ball.
The crowd doing as sweetly as the lark, When nothing is attended; and, I think, The nightingale, if she should sing to-day, When 'tis a question, whether, would be thought No better a musician than the wren; How can we wonder, then, that the young men To their right praise and true perfection?"

The leap year ball given by the ladies of Abilene at the Henry House, last Friday evening, was a most successful one. The ladies of the city, and the gentlemen, were present in great numbers, and the affair was a most successful one. The ladies of the city, and the gentlemen, were present in great numbers, and the affair was a most successful one.

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Speculation and Interest.
The exceptionally large crops of all kinds for the past two or three years have about as nearly demoralized our farmers as poor crops would have done. A speculating mania seems to have come with prosperity, and large numbers of our citizens are rushing into, and stock and various other speculations. The speculators have put their own money into ventures and are borrowing other money to enlarge the deal or to "carry" it. And the number of borrowers is alarmingly large, and as a legitimate consequence money becomes scarce and high. Upon inquiry, the REFLECTOR finds that while at Abilene money is scarce at 12 per cent., in Kansas City and Topeka it is ranging 15 and 20 per cent. At Junction City and Salina it is even above these figures, and in Clay Center money is in demand at 24 and 36 per cent. The demand will regulate the price of money anywhere and among any people, and the speculators of this county are directly to blame for the existing high rate of interest. (a) and the REFLECTOR would sound a note of warning. The almost universal speculation, taking an artificial, unhealthy public pulse, and if the limit is not soon reached there will be a crash as sure as a sound financial policy is being transgressed. A good thing is good enough. Do not imperil it by trying to get rich too rapidly. Do business as little as possible on borrowed capital, and the rate of interest will lower itself.

Married.
Cards received in this city last Saturday announced that Mr. J. D. MacMaster and Miss Ella F. Palmer were married on Wednesday, January 16th, 1884, at Churchville, New York. The many Abilene friends of Mr. MacMaster will congratulate him on his happiness.

At Strong City, Kan., on Tuesday, the 15th, Mr. L. W. Dickinson, of Abilene, was married to Miss Zella Morehead. Mr. Dickinson is the quiet and unassuming gentleman who so successfully handles the Organ Department of Mr. T. E. Sewell's business, and his many friends will be glad to hear of his present good fortune. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Dickinson's, and her marriage is a gratification to all. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Dickinson's, and her marriage is a gratification to all. The bride is a daughter of Mr. Dickinson's, and her marriage is a gratification to all.

At the residence of the bride's parents, Abilene, on Thursday, Jan. 17th, at six o'clock, p. m., by Rev. J. Reddick, Mr. M. H. Seward and Miss Hattie Reddick. The young people are well and favorably known to our readers. Before accepting the position of Foreman of the J. B. Ersham machine shops at Enterprise, Mr. Seward was a valued and popular member of Abilene society. Miss Reddick was one of the most successful teachers in our public schools, and with a charming, accomplished and highly esteemed young lady. The REFLECTOR's best wishes follow them into the future. Their home will be at Enterprise.

Growing in Grace and Strength.
The REFLECTOR doffs its hat and extends its best wishes to the following persons who have had their names enrolled on our subscription book during the past week. The REFLECTOR is the people's paper, and its editors are not going to spare any pains or expense to make it an appreciative and welcome visitor every week. Let the good work go on. Like the "old, old story," tell your friends and neighbors around what a dear friend, in the REFLECTOR, you have found, and ask them to become subscribers, for this being the campaign

year, now is the accepted time. Fifty-six columns of reading matter every week for only \$1.50 a year. The names—and we would be pleased to meet each one in our office whenever they can make it convenient to call:
ABILENE—A. B. Cunningham, James Dunn, W. M. Kyle, Mrs. Hattie McCall, C. M. G. Morgan, Martin Mensch, Rev. R. G. McCarthy and D. Corn. ABILENE—B. C. Taylor.

BELLE SPRINGS—John H. Weaver, W. Pratt.
CHAPMAN—G. A. Trees.

DILLON—S. D. Linniger, M. Evers, T. A. McMillen, R. A. Bounds, John Hixson, Nottorff & Zisch.

ENTERPRISE—Stewart Seeds, G. W. Stiles, and Joseph Pride.

HOPE—A. Johnson, A. A. Nelson, Jacob Sider, and J. I. Ferguson.

HENRY—T. J. O'Connell.

INDUSTY—John R. Warnock and J. H. Brown.

NEWBERN—J. W. Graham, W. T. Graham and N. D. Lowe, Geo. Kleopfer, C. B. Morrill.

NEW BASIL—Ed. F. Haberlein and A. Witwer.

PLYMPTON—E. G. Quigg, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Jacob Derr, W. J. Lay, and Wm. Hinkle.

WOODBINE—David Heston.

D. A. Booser, Center Hall, Pa.; O. L. Lobdell, Victor, N. Y.; Harrison Strawn, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; S. W. Pierce & Co., Junction City, Kas., and Mrs. L. L. Butler, Sheridan, N. Y.

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

Solomon Scraps.
Elevators busy with the incoming corn and wheat. The scholars of the high school are preparing two dramas for the purpose of raising money for school fixtures. There is a talk of erecting a two-story brick hotel on the old H. H. House site. There is a good opening for some one who has experience. The U. P. R. Co. is thinking of removing the car shops from Brookville to Solomon, as this day has a branch and is within a west and east freight. J. S. Sutherland has been very sick, but is slowly getting better. The ladies of Solomon will give a grand leap year masquerade ball, Friday, Jan. 25th.

Herrington Happenings.
Mr. Griffith, of Florence, will commence building a blacksmith shop in a few days. That's what we need. The young folks indulged in a spelling bee at the school house near here. Mr. Miller, of Florence, is going to build three dwelling houses. He is to commence now in a few days. Mr. Charles, of Florence, is to start up in the store business. He intends to run a general stock of dry goods and groceries. We will have a post office here soon we think. E. E. Lowe has rented Wm. Quirk's hotel and will run the hotel business. H. J. Limes, of New Basil, was here last Saturday. He has just sold his farm of 160 acres to Abe Shutter, consideration being \$8,000. Mr. L. has not decided where he will locate. There was an oyster supper at G. W. Barrett's last Saturday night. Something less than 100 gallons were consumed. Mrs. Andrew Taylor is quite sick.

Woodbine Warblings.
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Potter were to Woodbine last Wednesday. Typ. election notices have been posted in the various parts of the precinct. Mr. A. C. White is on the sick list. We hope soon to see Sandy out again. Messrs. M. L. Potter and Jas. A. Gillett, Sen., attended the variety last Wednesday evening, and seemed to be well pleased. Mr. Treague and his corn. A number of fine cattle belonging to different farmers in this vicinity died during the past month. Mr. Nuce lost a number, and thinks it is owing to the smut of the corn. Mr. Gillett thinks his died from some other cause. Our farmers would do well to look up "hunts" of those farmers and stock owners having had experience in the treatment of such cases. Several Indians passed through town last week with a number of colts and ponies on their way to some northern reservation.

Mr. O. F. Unkefer has been sick for a few weeks, but we are glad to state he is better and hope he may soon recover his health as of old. If you want to keep well posted for the coming campaign subscribe for the REFLECTOR. Which will you have, "free trade or protection."

Chapman Chips.
A series of meetings are in progress at the M. E. Church. They will continue during this week. The party who stole the keg of lead from the drug store last Thursday night is known and will save himself trouble by returning the same. No questions will be asked. Tom Howe will build a new store building east of Russell & Fancher's, which will be occupied by two of our town boys who are going into the grocery business. Mr. Sheeran will soon commence a new building to be occupied, so report says, by Mr. Scott, of Junction City, in the hardware business. G. W. Hanson has sold his interest in the blacksmith shop, corner to P. F. Whitehair and will build a new shop west of the school house. Mr. Whitehair will use the old shop for storing agricultural implements. D. S. Jackson will build a store just north of the American house. W. R. Brown seems to be enjoying married life hugely. We are glad to see the boys settling down to business. F. B. Lillie & Co. have put in a large line of stationery and invite inspection by the public. The largest and finest assortment of lamps can be found at the drug store. The Chapman cornet band are preparing for a grand entertainment to be given in the hall over the furniture store.

Enterprise Etchings.
Thinking that perhaps the few locals we might gather from the many happenings of our busy city would be of interest to the many readers of the REFLECTOR, we will try and give you a few.

We noticed Co. Superintendent Hornaday on our streets Monday. Mike says that possession is the better side of the question. J. H. Brady contemplates building a \$20,000 block in the spring. James Howard, one of Abilene's most fashionable tinsmiths, has bought Prince Cottry's shop and taken the book and stationary stock of Mrs. J. C. Vining. The teachers' institute held in the school house last Saturday was a success. An evening session was held, consisting of literary exercises and

debate. The question debated: Resolved, That schools are more beneficial to society than churches. The church found able champions in Messrs. Engle and Low, while the schools were backed by Hon. C. L. Hoffman and Prof. Vanddyke. B. J. Hillaker is having his entire stock sold at auction. Judging from the way the new drugstore lingers around the Central office, we should say that the attraction was great. D. W. Blain, traveling salesman for the J. E. Bonebrake Hardware Co., was on our streets Saturday, interviewing the farmers on the merits of the Deering Twine Binder. Miss Litta, telephone manager of Abilene and Enterprise, was in town Tuesday on business. We are glad to see Miner, our popular butcher, on the streets once more after a long and painful sickness. The Central office will soon be moved to the bank building. Dr. Raub, dentist from Abilene, was working on molars at the Pacific, Monday and Tuesday. A protracted meeting is in progress at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. Kendall. The tariff question is attracting more and more discussion here, and the REFLECTOR is much sought after.

Industry.
Lyman Moore has sold his farm of 160 acres upland to August Chatters—consideration, \$2,600.

Mr. Snyder, recently from Pennsylvania, has purchased the Bowman farm of 80 acres for \$1,600. Messrs. Moore and Snyder are new comers and will make agreeable and good citizens. REP VAN WINKLE.

Birthday Dinner.
EDITOR REFLECTOR—On Thursday, January 17th, 1884, Mrs. Wm. Lane, of Ridge township, gave a birthday dinner to her relatives and friends. The day was spent with a great deal of enjoyment. About thirty guests were present to sit down to a table covered with fine meats, butters, cakes, pies, fruit, jellies, &c., and a magnificent pyramidal cake, presented to Mrs. Lane—a token of affection from Mr. and Mrs. Chapman; and cup from Mr. and Mrs. Rohm; and butter from Mrs. Strunk; glass cake stand, Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Lane; cake of butter and cup, Mr. and Mrs. Trees, Chapman; lamp, Mr. and Mrs. S. Jordan, Abilene, food and table spread, Wm. Lowe. With all of which Mrs. Lane was highly pleased and gave many thanks to the givers.

The Merchants Kick.
Not at the REFLECTOR and its "12 percent very stiff interest," but because the farmers come and buy goods of us, promising to pay within a week or ten days. But the "week or ten days" lengthen into three, six and twelve months, and the farmers have the use of our money during that time and pay no interest. But on the other hand, we have to pay 12 per cent. interest to the wholesale dealers from the time of purchasing the goods on date of bill until paid. If the farmers would give us their note at the time of purchasing the goods, at 6 per cent., it would be better for us than to wait on them the length of time we do and then get 12 per cent.—and often nothing.

MERCHANT, Once a Farmer.

Two Sides to Everything.
EDITORS REFLECTOR—Farmer Ault of this county protests in your last issue against the Banks of Abilene charging twelve per cent. interest for loans made by them, and proposes retaliatory measures on the part of the farmers to bring the bankers and merchants of this city to terms.

A few statements of fact may put this matter in a different light and prevent such a dire calamity as he threatens. First—The Banks of Abilene are at present carrying over half a million dollars of farmers' notes, without including loans on real estate, an amount larger than the banks of any city of the same size in this State can supply if they would.

Second—This money is loaned them at a lower rate of interest than charged by Banks in any other city in this State, without exception.

Third—Drafts on Eastern cities are sold and collections of grain and cattle drafts are made at about one-half usual Bank rates, East or West. This all works to the benefit of farmers by reducing cost of marketing stock and grain.

Fourth—The Banks of this city are unable to meet the demands of farmers for loans to carry their grain and cattle, even when the best of security is presented and prompt and reliable men wish to borrow; and the Banks could demand and receive much higher rates of interest for their money, if they chose, than they now get. And right here let me ask, what farmer would sell his corn for thirty cents a bushel, if eager buyers throughout his granary and freely offered him 45 to 60 cents per bushel for the same grain.

The farmers of Dickinson county have little cause to complain of the Banks of Abilene, and if they tried as hard to meet their notes promptly at maturity as the Banks have tried to furnish them money, times would be easier and non-py plentiful. To no one cause is the prosperity of the county, to more ascribed than to the liberality of its Banks and business men.

Musical Concert.
ED. REFLECTOR—The good people of North Buckeye township were favored, Saturday night, January 19th, with a very pleasant entertainment in the way of a musical concert, under the auspices of the Chronister School House Class, which has been receiving instruction, for some time past, at the hands of Prof. R. K. Higgins, of Kansas City, Mo.

Long before the hour set for the exercises to begin the house was packed, and promptly at eight the class filed gracefully on the stage and immediately the exercises opened with a male quartette, "Greeting Glee," which was followed in quick succession by over forty choice selections, all of which rendered without a single mis-cue, and many of which elicited hearty and prolonged applause. Among those worthy of special mention—"Let me dream again," bass solo, by J. A. Lazony; "Tea and turn out," duet, by the Misses Tosier; "Bring me the bowl," duet, by Prof. Higgins and Miss Emma Kauffman; "Come where the lilies bloom," quartette, by Messrs. Kauffman and Messrs. Higgins and Lazony; "A little farm well tilled," trio, by Messrs. Higgins, Kauffman and Lazony; "When the roses come again," by Miss Minnie Livingston, and a solo by each young lady of the class, with a full chorus by all the pupils. Among the finer choruses were, "Chivalry of manhood,"

"Merry glee," "Summer rain," "Sunset," "Echoes," and lastly, came two fine anthems with Solo Obligations, by four select lady voices; "O Lord, be thou merciful," and "Hosannah," closing with chanting the Lord's prayer. Thus passed off one of the pleasantest entertainments ever given in this part of the county, and the excellent manner in which everything passed off gave evidence both of the ability of the conductor and of the earnest efforts put forth by the class to gain proficiency in this beautiful art. Special credit is due Miss Edith Tosier who so ably presided at the organ and thus added to the interest and success of the whole program. OBSERVER.

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